

**LUMPKIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Special Called Meeting
AGENDA**

Lumpkin County Courthouse
Conference Room
Dahlonega, Georgia
May 10, 2006
4:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gooch

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. OLD BUSINESS

- Yahoola Creek Reservoir
- Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) Loan Agreement

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Future Meetings:

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| ➤ Board Special Work Session – Courthouse | May 16, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. |
| ➤ Board Appeal Hearings– City Hall | May 18, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. |
| ➤ Board Meeting – City Hall | May 18, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. |
| ➤ Board Work Session – City Hall | June 01, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. |
| ➤ Board Meeting – City Hall | June 15, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. |

V. ADJOURN

Chairman Gooch

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE
LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

May 10, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gooch called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. County Commissioners present were Stephen Gooch, John Raber, Deborah Hutcheson, Clarence Stowers and Marvin Martin.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

***Motion:** There was a motion by Deborah Hutcheson to approve the agenda following the addition of requests from Doug Paul of Three Sisters Vineyards and Dale Steernbergen, President of the Chamber of Commerce. Clarence Stowers seconded the motion and all district commissioners voted to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.*

Georgia Wine Country Festival

The Three Sisters Vineyard has requested written permission from the Board permitting other wineries to come and participate with wine pouring and sales at the Georgia Wine Country Festival to be held at Three Sisters Vineyard on June 2 & 3, 2006. Mr. Doug Paul, of Three Sisters Vineyards will be responsible for collection all applicable wine taxes.

***Motion:** Commissioner John Raber made a motion to provide the needed letter with Clarence Stowers seconding and all commissioners voting in favor of the motion. Motion carried.*

Equestrian/Agricultural Center in Dahlonega

Mr. Dale Steenbergen, President of the Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Chamber of Commerce has requested a letter of support for a proposed Equestrian/Agricultural Center in Dahlonega.

***Motion:** Commissioner Hutcheson made a motion to accept the signing a letter of support for the proposed Equestrian/Agricultural Center. John Raber seconded the motion and all district commissioners approved. Motion carried.*

OLD BUSINESS

Yahoola Creek Reservoir & Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) Loan Agreement

The County Attorney said that so long as the County & the City agree to have a survey done at some point in the future there is no reason not to go forward with today's agreement signing because what we are agreeing to is a parceling of debt at 46% for the City and 54% for the County.

There also remain questions about the numbers that GEFA has in the Agreement. County Finance Director Allison Martin said that they seem very close also some problems remain with how some items were coded.

***Motion:** Commissioner Raber made a motion to quitclaim deed the 45.67 acres for the water treatment plant tract to the City so that they can move forward with the water treatment plant. Commissioner Stowers seconded*

Chairman Gooch called for discussion during which Commissioner Hutcheson said that if we are showing good faith with the City then she wants good faith show toward the County by having the quitclaim deeds executed at the same time.

***Amended Motion:** Commissioner Raber amended his motion to execute all the deeds for both parties now. Commissioner Stowers seconded the motion and all commissioners approved the motion. Motion carried.*

County Attorney Horne and City Attorney Doug Parks will prepare the deeds and needed documents. The attorneys will scan documents, make corrections, and offer them back to GEFA as an Agreement. The Board agreed to postpone action on the GEFA Agreement. However, County Attorney Horne said it is critical that the City let GEFA know that the City and County are in agreement regarding the 46/54 split but we want the numbers in the Agreement to be correct.

City Manager Bill Lewis who was in attendance at the meeting asked the Board if they would be willing to match \$10,000.00 from the City to make improvements to the park area at the reservoir. The improvements would include trash receptacles and picnic tables.

Motion: *Commissioner Hutcheson moved that the County commit \$10,000 out of the County's contingency funds to match the City's \$10,000 towards purchase and installation of bear-proof trash receptacles, picnic tables and improvements around the reservoir. Commissioner Raber seconded the motion and all commissioners approved. Motion carried.*

Mr. Lewis said the City will need to vote on this matter and volunteered to have the City Engineer prepare a conceptual design regarding reservoir park area improvements. The City will then send the conceptual design to the Board of Commissioners for review.

Mayor Gary McCullough and Mr. Lewis asked the Board if they would object to the City using the \$2,000.00 gift from the new Home Depot store to purchase materials to landscape the grassed area across the street from the Historic Old Jail and Olde Cannery. Mr. Lewis also said the City is willing to maintain this area as well. The Board said they welcomed the offer and had no objections.

COMMENTS

County Manager Kelley requested clarification on the motion on SPLOST that was made at the May 8, 2006 Special Meeting.

The County Manager will put together a plan for the old shop property. It may be possible to sell the building, which is about 40 years old.

Bids were opened for the Chesterra Fire Station on those items that received no bids in last round. The County Manager feels we can take these separate packages and come in under budget. Only portion of the project that has not been resolved is the interior framing.

Motion: *Commissioner Hutcheson made a motion to use separate packages, use the project manager, and have him bring the project in under budget. The motion died for lack of a second.*

Motion: *Commissioner Martin made a motion to scrap total bids and Commissioner Hutcheson seconded. The Public Works Director, Charles Trammel pointed out that means they will have to go back and get bids on each component. This will slow down completion. Commissioner Stowers abstained with all other commissioners voting yes. Motion carried.*

Motion: *There was then a motion by Commissioner Hutcheson to reject the interior framing bid for the fire station. This was seconded by Commissioner Martin and accepted by all commissioners. Motion carried.*

Motion: *Commissioner Martin moved to get sealed quotes. Upon reflection Commissioner Martin withdrew his motion. No action taken.*

Commissioner Raber asked to be excused from the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

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Bids were taken yesterday on the riverside concession building at Yahoola Creek Park. The bids came in well above the amount budgeted. The second lowest bidder wants to disqualify the lowest bidder because the low bidder is currently the project manager for the Chesterra Fire House. The County Attorney says there is no conflict of interest on the part of low bidder since it is a different project.

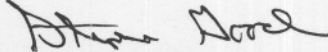
***Motion:** Commissioner Hutcheson made a motion to accept the bid of the lowest bidder and Commissioner Martin seconded the motion. Commissioner Stowers was opposed with all other commissioners present in favor of the motion. Motion carried.*

ADJOURN

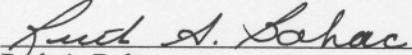
Chairman Gooch asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

***Motion:** Commissioner Hutcheson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Marvin Martin. Commissioners Hutcheson, Stowers and Martin approved this motion. Motion carried.*

5-18-2006
Date


Stephen W. Gooch, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:


Ruth A. Bohac
Clerk, Lumpkin County